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My education and qualifications are: Harvard College, BA magna cum laude, Columbia University, Ph.D. I became interested in Hayward issues in the 1970s and have been active ever since. My friends and I stopped a destructive freeway, saving hundreds of houses and open space. We fought over-development of the hills and got many acres into park ownership. I wrote up the history in The Rise and Fall of Hayward's Route 238 Bypass and Ridgelands! The Closing of a Frontier. Serving on Council requires collaboration and patience to help manage a large and complex city. Council must rely on staff over a wide range of issues. The budget and priorities are stable with most resources spoken for, leaving little room for big initiatives. Council supports an affordable, sustainable village on the old quarry near the campus but has been unable to find a developer. I have some ideas that might help. I'm also interested in Loop reform and other issues discussed on my website, LewisforHayward.com. I've tons of experience, lots of ideas, and a desire to help. In an age of national divisiveness, we must strengthen our democracy, give voice to the weak as well as the strong, and dialogue toward consensus. Your vote honors and affirms our democracy, our Hayward democracy.